

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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#### **Headlines**

**National Videoconference, "Mentoring Matters," 1:30 PM (EST) - January 15.** The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), in association with the Juvenile Justice Telecommunications Assistance Project (JJTAP) of Eastern Kentucky University, will host a live satellite videoconference that highlights the importance of mentoring. "Mentoring Matters" will air nationwide on Wednesday, January 15, 2003, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM EST. For more information on how to register or how to view the broadcast from the World Wide Web, go to: <http://www.juvenilenet.org/jjtap/mentoring/>.

**January 31 is National "Kick-Off" for Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2003:** Job Shadowing is an academically motivating activity that gives young people an up-close look at the world of work. January 31, 2003 is this year's nationwide "kick-off." Visit the web site: <http://www.jobshadow.org/> for information on how you can get involved.

**President Announces White House Task Force on Disadvantaged Youth.** President Bush has announced that he is establishing a "White House Task Force for Disadvantaged Youth" ("Task Force"). The goal of the Task Force is to develop a "comprehensive Federal response to the problems of youth failure, with a focus on enhanced agency accountability and effectiveness." Key objectives include: coordinating interagency efforts; developing a unified research plan to identify effective practices that help disadvantaged youth; incorporating positive youth development practices that help disadvantaged youth; and analyzing and quantifying the impact of Federal efforts aimed at disadvantaged youth. The Task Force will issue a preliminary report on April 30, 2003. The announcement can be read on: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/12/20021223.html>.

**National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) Education Development Network (EDNet) Tool Promotes Continuous Improvement for Education Programs.** Youth development organizations and schools that work with vulnerable youth will find NYEC EDNet a valuable tool to improve the quality of education programs. The tool offers a self-assessment instrument that includes detailed criteria identified as common to effective education programs and schools. For more information, including how to download a copy of the report, go to: [http://www.nyec.org/EDNet\\_PR.htm](http://www.nyec.org/EDNet_PR.htm).

**Mitsubishi Foundation offers funds for technology to help Youth with Disabilities.** The foundation invites concept papers that provide information on technology projects to help youth with disabilities. Non-profit organizations or projects with 501(c) (3) status that address a significant need of young people with disabilities, have national scope and impact, and demonstrate potential for replication at other sites are invited to submit preliminary concept papers. For complete guidelines and for information on Mitsubishi company locations, go to: <http://www.meaf.org/whatfund.html>

**President Issues Executive Order on Faith-Based.** President Bush has signed an executive order that enables churches and faith-based groups to receive federal money for programs that address social problems, even if those organizations consider religion in their hiring practices. To read the executive order, go to: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/12/20021212-6.html>.

### ***Program Spotlight***

**Community Youth Mapping Project Initiated.** The Community Action Program of Madison County (Morrisville, NY) and the Madison County Employment and Training Agency have initiated a resource-mapping project for youth. The project is designed to uncover opportunities and resources available for young people in their community. The program is intended to make youth aware of the assets in their local geographic areas. For more information contact the Community Action Partnership at 315-684-7862.

### ***Opportunities for Youth***

**Youth Advocate Awards.** The National Center for Tobacco Free Kids seeks nominations for Youth Advocate awards. Awards are given to outstanding young people who have taken the lead in holding the tobacco industry accountable for its efforts to market products to youth. Contact 202-296-5469, e-mail nominations to [www.tobaccofreekids.org](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org) . **Deadline February 14, 2003.**

### ***Websites***

**Teen Central is an online summit** for youth to exchange information with their peers on a variety of subjects. Youth are also provided information on overcoming adversities. Go to: <http://www.teencentral.net>

**What Works -- web resource.** The What Works website focuses on youth development. It provides details on "what works" in youth development and links to short, readable summaries and complete research studies. Visit: [www.childtrends.org](http://www.childtrends.org)

**Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative** website provides practical information for understanding and implementing juvenile detention reform. Go to <http://www.aecf.org/initiatives/jdai/>

**Chicago Women In Trades** provides a virtual library of resources related to engaging young women in nontraditional careers in the fields of construction, transportation, and manufacturing. Visit: <http://www.chicagowomenintrades.org/index.html>.

### ***Publications/Reports/Resources***

**Guidance to Faith-Based and Community Organizations on Partnering with the Federal Government.** The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has issued valuable information on frequently asked questions about "do's and don'ts" for faith-based organizations using federal grants. You can view and download a copy at: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/guidance\\_document.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/guidance_document.pdf).

**New On-Line Resource:** Jobs for the Future has documented strategies about how communities can take advantage of the possibilities offered by emerging, powerful learning environments inside and outside of the schools. To access "Resources on Effective Learning Environments," go to: <http://www.jff.org/Margins/Index.html>

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**Personalized Learning: A Roadmap for Educators.** A new book, edited by Joseph DiMartino, John Clarke, and Denise Wolk of the Education Alliance, draws on a growing body of evidence supporting the notion that smaller, more personalized schools are better for both students and teachers. It provides a roadmap for creating a more personalized environment for high school students, go to: <http://www.scarecroweducation.com/Catalog/SingleBook.shtm>  
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**New Directions for Youth Development: Theory, Practice, Research** is a journal that addresses the ways to practice positive youth development amid a torrent of negative influences. For more information go to: [www.josseyass.com](http://www.josseyass.com)

**Mentor Manager, Mentor Parent** by Linda Culp Downing and Cecile Culp Mielenz is a guide for developing mentoring relationships at work and at home. To obtain further information go to: [www.mentormanagementor-parent.com](http://www.mentormanagementor-parent.com)

**Multiple Choices After School: Findings from the Extended Service Schools Initiative** by Public/Private Ventures assesses an initiative of the Wallace Readers Digest Fund. The initiative helped to create 60 after school programs in 20 communities. Go to: <http://www.ppv.org/indexfiles/yd-index.html>.

**The National Center for Educational Services publishes a** report about public alternative schools and programs for youth at-risk of educational failure. This report examines the availability of alternative programs in school, levels of education at which these programs were offered and the number of youth enrolled. The survey also shows the reasons that students are transferred to alternative programs. To view and download the report, go to: <http://nces.ed.gov/>.

### ***Funding Opportunities***

#### **2003 Drug-Free Communities Support Program. Deadline: March 11, 2003.**

The Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), are requesting applications for the fiscal year 2003 Drug-Free Communities Support Program to reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults. Approximately 150 grants of up to \$100,000 each will be awarded to community coalitions that are working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. For more information, go to: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/dfcsgrant/dfcs2003fr.txt>.

**Youth Service America** is recruiting 50 organizations across the United States to serve as local lead agencies for Youth Service Day 2003. Schools, student councils, community and faith based organizations; service commissions, public agencies and nonprofits are eligible to apply. For more information contact 202-296-2992 or visit [www.YSA.org/NYSD](http://www.YSA.org/NYSD)  
**Deadlines vary.**

**General Mills Foundation offers grants to fund projects to** help youth develop good nutrition and fitness habits. Non-profit organizations serving youth ages 2-20 may apply. Further information may be obtained from Sherey Zerbian, call 312-899-4803.

**Nike announces matching cash grants.** Nike, through the Bowerman Track Renovation program, provides matching cash grants for up to \$50,000 to community-based youth serving organizations to refurbish or build running tracks. Nonprofit, youth-oriented organizations are eligible to apply. Call 503-671-6453 for more information. **Deadline: Ongoing through May 31, 2004.**

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** The Grant Program sponsored by EPA's Office of Environmental Education supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. Since 1992, EPA has received between \$2 and \$3 million in grant funding per year and has awarded about 2,500 grants. <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html> **Deadline: February 14, 2003.**

**Become an AmeriCorps Sponsoring Organization:** Develop an AmeriCorps\*VISTA project and host members as they work to expand your organization's capacity to solve community problems. AmeriCorps\*VISTA members help organizations create the sustainable infrastructure needed to fight poverty in their communities. Grant guidelines are available at: <http://www.americorps.org/resources/guidelines2003.html>

### ***Calendar of Events***

**January 17. Videos due for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vide-YO! Contest** Please contact Anne Stom for more information. [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov)

**January 31. 2003 Groundhog Job Shadow Day National "Kick-Off."** Go to: <http://www.jobshadow.org/>.

**March 2-4, Washington, D.C. Black Administrators in Child Welfare.** Contact 202- 942-0318 or visit [www.blackadministrators.org](http://www.blackadministrators.org).

**March 11. Deadline to apply for 2003 Drug-Free Communities Support Program.** Go to: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/dfcsgrant/dfcs2003fr.txt>.

**March 20-23, New Orleans, LA. Pathways to Success-National Student Assistance Conference.** Contact 800-453-7733 or visit [NSAC.info](http://NSAC.info)

**April 10-13, Youth Crime Watch of America, Miami, FL.** International Youth Leaders Crime Prevention Conference. Contact 305-670-2409 or visit <http://www.ycwa.org/youthcon/index.html>.

**April 11-13. National Youth Service Day.** Visit: <http://www.YSA.org/NYSD/>.

**April 23-25, Chicago, IL. National Pathways To Adulthood 2003 Conference.** For Independent Living State Coordinators, transitional living grantees and other youth services providers. Contact 918-660-3700.

**May 12-17, Des Moines, IA. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education Conference.** Contact 800-277-8145.

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**Youth Resource Connections** provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

**We welcome your input:** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377 or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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